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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
USDOC WASHDC
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MRO TRIP TO MOSCOW

BEWT FOR THOMPSON

REF: A. VIENNA 1251 B. VIENNA 0849 C. AND PRVIOUS

1. AS PROPOSED IN REFTELS AND AGREED AT BERLIN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' MEETING MRO WILL BE PREPARED TO VISIT MOSCOW WEEK MARCH 23, ALTHOUGH DELAY OF 1 TO 3 WEEKS WOULD NOT POSTPONE ESTIMATED STUDY COMPLETION DATE OF MAY 15 BECAUSE PREPARATION OF OTHER STUDY SECTIONS CAN PROGRESS BEFORE TRIP.
2. EWTC PROPOSES WHELAN TRAVEL TO MOSCOW MARCH 23, IF POSSIBLE, TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULE OF FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTION TEAM WHICH WILL BE IN VIENNA APRIL 3-16. WHELAN VISIT WOULD BE POSTPONED TO BEGIN MARCH 30 OR APRIL 6 IF EMB MOSCOW CANNOT ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR EARLIER PERIOD BUT EWTC WOULD PREFER MARCH 23 DATE.
3. PURPOSES OF TRIP ARE TO REVIEW SUMMARY MARKETING STUDY, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH EMBASSY MOSCOW AND, IF EMBASSY AGREES, MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH SOVIET INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL OFFICIALS AS SUGGESTED IN REFTELS TO OBTAIN THEIR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS.
4. REFTELS SUGGEST ABOUT 20-25 APPOINTMENTS WITH SOVIET INDUSTRIAL OFFICIALS, AND, IF EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCURS, MRO WOULD EXPECT TO COM-

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PLETE THIS NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED VISIT AND DATES
EMBASSY FINDS MOST SUITABLE. REQUEST ALSO THAT EMBASSY MAKE HOTEL
RESERVATIONS.

6. REQUEST USDOC/BEWT APPROVAL OF THIS TRIP. ESTIMATED COST OF
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IS \$1,100. MOWINCKEL

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